

ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we,

(1)* Thomas G. ZIMMERMAN of Cupertino,
County of Santa Clara and State of California

have invented certain improvements in

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE OPTICAL DIGITAL NETWORKING OF COMPUTING DEVICES

and executed a United States patent application therefor on the following date(s):

(1)* January 26, 2001

and

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

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Jan 26, 2001

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which: (check one)

XXX is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____
under Attorney's Docket Number _____
as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application the priority of which is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

_____ Yes _____ No
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